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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/07

SPONSOR Park LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1146

SHORT TITLE Building Trade Program Intern Stipend SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$230.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1146 appropriates \$230.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for the Mid-region Council of Governments to provide stipends to qualified student interns participating in a charter school building trades and technology program in Bernalillo County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$230.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

MRCOG was selected as the fiscal and administrative entity for workforce connection. MRCOG's role is to provide board support, perform planning, technical assistance, and training, and assures compliance with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) reporting performance requirements.

The goals of the Workforce Investment Act:

- increase the employment, retention and earnings of participants
- increase occupational skill attainment by participants
- improve the quality of the workforce
- reduce welfare dependency
- enhance the productivity and competitiveness of New Mexico and the nation

This program hopes to achieve the above goals.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DFA reports that this is a pilot project being introduced in at least one charter schools. DFA recommends that the curriculum be approved by the Public Education Department to ensure guidelines are met for high school students. If this program is offered as a trade to graduate students then the Department of Higher Education will need to approve the curriculum.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Finance and Administration does not possess the expertise to provide oversight for such an activity or program. The Department of Public Education may be a more suitable agency to administer this program.

DUPLICATION

Duplicates SB 995.

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